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# IDAHO EXPANDS ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

*The Department is asking students, parents to help name the new program!*

BOISE – Beginning next school year, high school students attending public schools across Idaho will get financial help as they work to earn college credit or professional-technical certifications while still in high school.

We need your help in naming this new, exciting program!

“This new program builds on the progress we have already made to ensure all Idaho students not only graduate from high school but go on to pursue their education and do not need remediation once they get there,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said. “Today, we have a menu of options to help students as they prepare for education after high school and to help reduce the cost of earning their postsecondary degree or certificate. Whether they want to earn college credit while they are still in high school or graduate early, we are making these opportunities available to every student in Idaho’s public schools – no matter where they live.”

Under this new program, which passed the Legislature with bipartisan support as part of [Senate Bill 1233](#), each high school junior will now have access to up to \$200 a year and each high school senior will now have access to up to \$400 a year to help cover the costs to take:

- Dual credit courses,
- College-bearing exams (such as Advanced Placement), or
- Professional-technical exams to earn a certification or license.

To learn more about this program, students can visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/> or contact their high school counselor.

Right now, the Idaho State Department of Education needs your help to name this new program! We have heard several ideas already, such as Jump Start or the Pathways Program. But we want to hear directly from Idaho’s creative students and parents. What should this new program to expand advanced opportunities to all high school juniors and seniors be called?

Send your ideas to [mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov) with subject line “Naming Contest” by **April 25, 2014**.

This new program will work in parallel with other programs the state continues to offer students, such as the Dual Credit for Early Completers Program, 8-in-6 Program and Mastery Advancement Program.

Learn more about all of these opportunities online at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/>.

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